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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. John Baldeschweiler  
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of the US-USSR S&T Specialized Cooperative  
Agreement  
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THROUGH : Mr. William A. Root  
Acting Executive Secretary, US-USSR S&T  
Specialized Cooperative Agreement  
Department of State

SUBJECT : Recommendation for Participant, Chemical  
Catalysis Working Group

1. The US Department of the Army through the Committee on Exchanges of the United States Intelligence Board recommends that Dr. Hugh Barger, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, N.C., be considered for membership in the Working Group of the proposed project on Electrochemical Catalysis under the Chemical Catalysis Working Group of the US-USSR S&T Specialized Cooperative Agreement. It is understood that the project was considered and tabled by the US Joint Commission on S&T, US-USSR Specialized Cooperative Agreement, at its 2-3 October 1975 Washington meeting, however, this recommendation is forwarded for consideration should this project be reconsidered.

2. Dr. Barger is currently teaching Chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Previous to this position he was employed by the US Army Mobility Equipment Research and Development Center, Electrochemical Division, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He worked in the area of fuel cell catalysts, kinetics, and interactions between fuel cell electrodes and electrolytes. Dr. Barger has served as technical chairman for the Fuel Cell and Battery Sections of the last three annual Intersociety Energy Conversion Engineering Conferences (IECEC) which has included noted Soviet participants such as Dr. N. A. Schumilova, Dr. N. V. Korovin and other Soviet electrochemical academicians.

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3. Dr. Barger has extensive experience in international data exchange programs. While employed by the US Army Materiel Command he represented US interests in a US-West German technical data exchange program in the area of fuel cells and batteries.

4. Dr. Barger was recently invited by Dr. N. A. Schumilova to visit the Soviet Institute of Electrochemistry (VN II) in Moscow.

  
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